

**OPINION 2357 (Case 3607)**

***Haltica schillingii* Letzner, 1847 (currently *Dibolia schillingii*; Insecta, Coleoptera, CHRYSOMELIDAE): no precedence given over *Petalopus metallicus* Motschulsky, 1845 (currently *Dibolia metallica*)**

**Abstract.** The Commission has not used its plenary power to conserve the name *Dibolia schillingii* (Letzner, 1847) for a flea-beetle species (CHRYSOMELIDAE, ALTICINAE; OR GALERUCINAE, ALTICINI) widespread in western Palaearctic, by giving it precedence over the unused older name *Dibolia metallica* (Motschulsky, 1845), whenever these names are considered to be synonyms.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; CHRYSOMELIDAE; *Dibolia*; *Haltica* (*Dibolia*) *schillingii*; *Petalopus metallicus*; flea-beetle; Palaearctic.

**Ruling**

- (1) The Commission has not used its plenary power to give the name *schillingii* Letzner, 1847, as published in the binomen *Haltica schillingii*, precedence over the name *metallicus* Motschulsky, 1845, as published in the binomen *Petalopus metallicus*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
- (2) No names have been placed on the Official Lists or Indexes in this ruling.

**History of Case 3607**

An application to conserve the name *Dibolia schillingii* (Letzner, 1847) for a flea-beetle species (CHRYSOMELIDAE, ALTICINAE; OR GALERUCINAE, ALTICINI) by giving it precedence over the unused older name *Dibolia metallica* (Motschulsky, 1845), whenever these names are considered to be synonyms, was received from Manfred Döberl (*Seeweg 34, 93326 Abensberg, Germany*) and Ivan Löbl (*Muséum d'histoire naturelle, Geneva, Switzerland*) on 22 September 2012. After correspondence the Case was published in BZN 69: 266–270 (December 2012). The title, abstract and keywords of the Case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this case. The Case was sent for vote on 3 September 2014 (VP 20).

**Decision of the Commission**

At the close of the voting period on 3 December 2014 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 9: Ballerio, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Kojima, Rosenberg, Winston, Zhou & Yanega.

Negative votes – 12: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Fautin, Harvey, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Pape, Štys, van Tol and Zhang

Kottelat, Ng, Patterson & Pyle were on leave of absence.

Voting FOR, Yanega said, that while the case did not technically satisfy Article 23.9.1, the name *schillingii* was demonstrably in prevailing use, by any of the criteria given in the present Code.

Voting AGAINST, Alonso-Zarazaga said that he could not see any benefit in this case in subverting the Principle of Priority, since the species involved was unimportant. Also voting AGAINST, Krell said that it was true that the majority of authors had not followed the Code (the Principle of Priority), but some had until recently. If non-compliance with the Code was not universal, he would rather side with the Code-compliant authors.

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